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SUBJECT: DR. JONATHAN'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
FORD

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME
MINISTER JONATHAN IN RESPONSE TO HIS AUGUST 20 MESSAGE OF
CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT FORD.

2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMIT-
MENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPER-
ATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. FYI. TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN'S MESSAGE, AS
RECEIVED FROM LESOTHO EMBASSY WASHINGTON, FOLLOWS.

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4. QUOTE. YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON YOUR SUCCESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR ABLE LEADERSHIP THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ASSURED OF CONTINUING PROSPERITY AND YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS INITIATIVES TOWARDS THE

CREATION OF A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD. I WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR COMMITMENT TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND TIES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE. END FYI.

5. NEITHER DEPARTMENT OR WHITE HOUSE PLANS RELEASE TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S REPLY BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOL. KISSINGER

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